

GERMANY TO TORPEDO STEAMERS CARRYING AMERICAN TRAVELERS?

TEUTONS ARE
POURING FIRE
INTO DUNKIRK

Batteries 28 Miles Away
Sending Great Shells
on French Ports.

ARE CRIPPLING GUNS?

Berlin Says All Attacks of
Enemy Near Ypres
Have Failed.

A Constantinople dispatch very similar to a London report last night says the allies' casualties were several thousand and the Turkish losses insignificant during the bombardment by the fleet April 27-28. The British battleships Majestic, Triumph, Vengeance and the French cruiser Jean D'Arc were partly set afire and badly damaged, but reached safety. Several transports and destroyers were sunk. Gallipoli peninsula is cleared of the enemy. The Russian steamer Svornia has been sunk on the west coast of Ireland by a German submarine. The crew of the steamship was saved. She was 2,000 tons. The American minister at The Hague reported to the state department at Washington that the American steamer Cushing, Philadelphia, for Rotterdam, was damaged by bombs of German aircraft in the North sea, but no lives lost.

Berlin, May 1.—Official: "All attacks of the enemy on the west bank of the canal northwest of Ypres and on the east bank of the canal north of Ypres failed. The fortress of Dunkirk was shelled yesterday by German artillery. Three aviators of the enemy were forced to land. An engagement near Sawille, Russian Poland, resulted advantageously for the Germans. The Russians fled after setting fire to the town. One thousand Russians were taken prisoners, and 10 machine guns, a great amount of baggage and parts of a large quantity of ammunition fell in our hands. A Russian attack east of Plock and north of Suwalki was repulsed and 350 Russians captured. Southwest of Augustow a German vanguard company was surprised by Russians and suffered heavy losses."

Cutting Off Peninsula.
London, May 1.—Unofficial dispatches describe the Gallipoli peninsula, which forms the European side of the Dardanelles, as being gradually cut off from the main land by allies' forces. Official advice have not made clear the extent of operations of the allies. A British statement last night gave the impression that fighting had been restricted to the end of the peninsula, across which it was said an entrenched line had been established. From several sources it is reported the British also had crossed the upper end of the peninsula, reaching Gallipoli. There is no confirmation, however, except a German statement yesterday which said there had been severe fighting two days at Gallipoli.

Constantinople says that the Turks are making consistent headway in attacks against the land and sea forces of the enemy.

The situation in Flanders shows little change, although the French claim farther advance for the allies. Fifteen-inch shells with which Germans yesterday bombarded Dunkirk, hurling them perhaps twenty miles from their huge guns, blasted ground craters in some instances 45 feet in diameter. Ten more shells fell on Dunkirk last night. There were several victims.

A Paris official statement says there is positively no change in the general situation since the communication of last night.

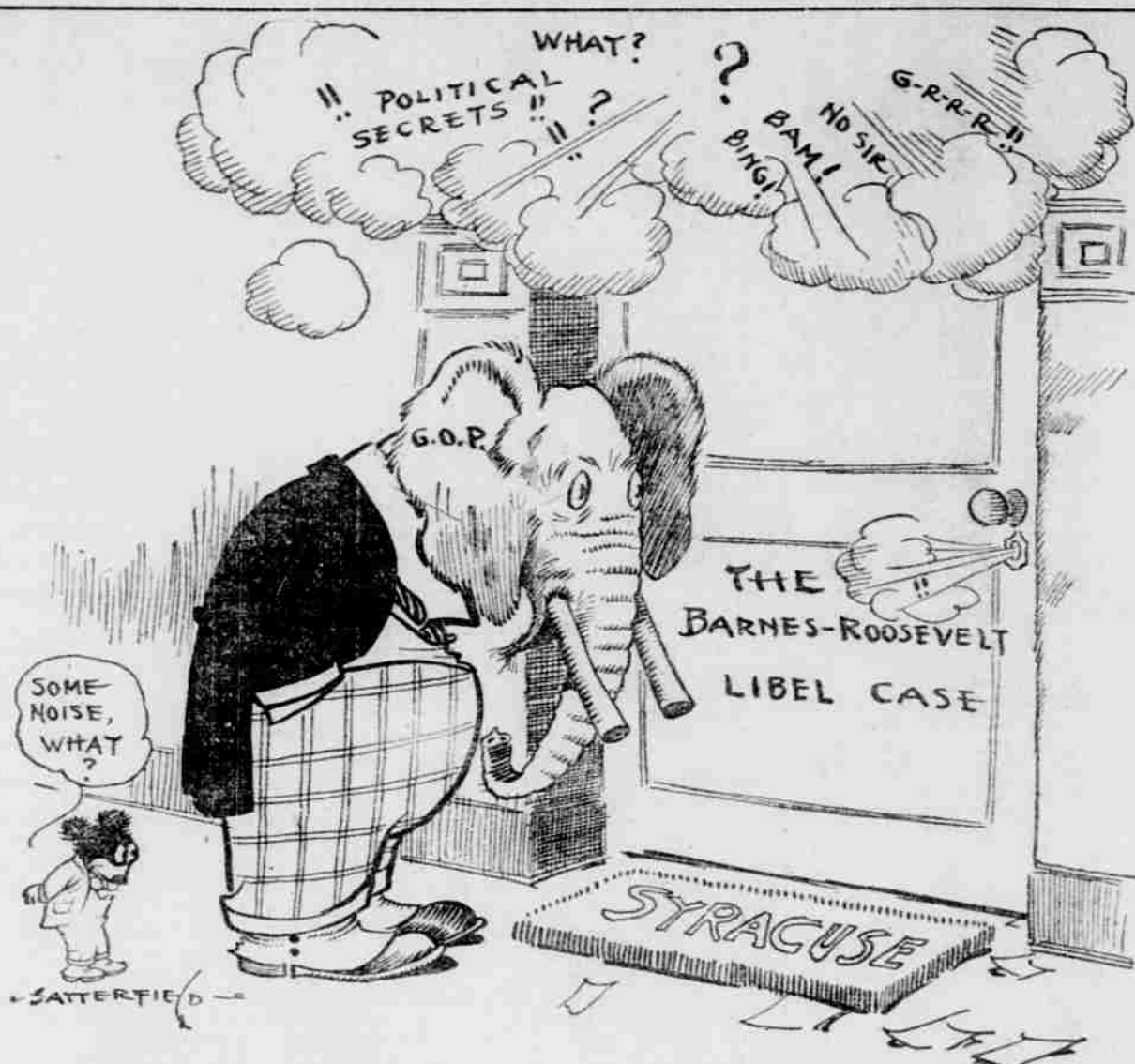
London says British aviators discovered German batteries which from a distance variously estimated at sixteen to twenty-eight miles hurled great shells at the French port of Dunkirk, but it remains to be seen whether the bombs dropped did enough damage to put their guns out of action.

Shortage of farm labor in England is causing increasing unrest in agricultural circles.

Fighting continues along an extended Russian front. Chief interest attaches to a new German movement to the north aimed apparently at the Baltic province in Russia. The Germans claim to have advanced more than a hundred miles from the Prussian frontier.

Paris, May 1.—Gallipoli peninsula gradually is being cut off from the rest of Turkish Thrace, says an Athens dispatch dated yesterday. It now is said to be impossible for the Turks to pass from one shore to the other.

GETTING AN EAR FULL

MISHAP TO TRAIN
JOLTS PRESIDENT

President Has Rough Experience En-
route to Williamstown, Mass., to
Attend Christening.

New York, May 1.—While President Wilson's train was passing through west Philadelphia early this morning the airbrake on the engine was jammed and the train came to a sudden stop. Several panes of glass were broken and a water bottle in the president's car fell to the floor with a crash. Every one on the train was shaken, but there was no serious damage. The president spent nearly three hours here this morning on his way to Williamstown, Mass., to attend the christening of his grandson, Francis Sayre. He was joined here by his daughter Margaret.

SHIP LAUNCHING
FATAL TO THREE

French Superdreadnought, Built at
Cost of \$13,000,000, Stranded on
Bank on River.

Bordeaux, France, May 1.—Three persons were killed today in an accident in connection with the launching of the superdreadnought Languedoc. The vessel left the ways at such speed she stranded on the bank of the river. She will probably be released at high tide. The ship is 25,000 tons, 574 feet long and cost more than thirteen million.

Swiss Army Called Out.
Bern, May 1.—The federal council has decided to call out the Sixth division of the Swiss army.

Their main forces are between Gallipoli and Malpas.

Emmanuel at Unveiling.

Rome, May 1.—Great significance is attached to the fact that King Emmanuel will preside at the unveiling of a monument at Quarto Sant Elena in honor of Garibaldi and his famous thousand who captured Sicily in 1860. This is regarded as making certain no grave steps will be taken by Italy in the next 10 days, as the king is not expected to return to Rome until May 8.

CHICAGO STRIKE
AFFECTS 125,000

May 1 Sees Most Serious Situation in
Building Industry of City in
Fifteen Years.

Chicago, May 1.—May 1 was ushered into Chicago today with the most serious labor situation in building industry in 15 years. By the addition of 1,200 bridge and structural iron workers, the list of union workmen on strike or locked out swelled to 32,000. The strike of ironworkers forces idleness upon 5,000 others in allied trades, bringing the number of idle because of strikes and lockouts to 125,000.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Showers tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 45. Highest yesterday, 72. Lowest last night, 42.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 11 miles per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 27; at 7 a. m., 73; at 1 p. m. today, 52.
Stage of water, 7.7; a fall of .3 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Saturn, Mercury. Morning stars: Venus, Jupiter. May constellations visible about 9 p. m. as follows: Ursa Major, Draco, Ursa Minor, Cepheus, Cassiopeia, Auriga, Perseus, Gemini, Canis Minor, Leo, Hydra, Virgo, Corvus, Bootes, Serpens, Hercules, Lyra, Cygnus; Aquila and Ophiuchus, rising; Libra, Scorpio, rising; Andromeda, Taurus and Orion, setting. Evening stars of the month: Mars, Saturn, Mercury. Morning stars: Jupiter, Venus.

TEN DEAD IN FIRE
SWEEPING COLON

More Than Half of the City Is Lev-
eled by Flames—Property Loss
Is \$2,000,000.

Colon, Panama, May 1.—More than half the city of Colon was swept by a disastrous fire which started shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Ten persons are known to be dead, including two native policemen, and several hundred persons have been injured, while between 10,000 and 12,000 others, mostly negroes, have been rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000,000. The fire destroyed completely 22 blocks and was not controlled until 12 buildings in its path had been destroyed. Many arrests have been made for looting. The town is now under the guard of native police and two companies of the United States coast artillery who aided in fighting the fires. Half the population have lost all their belongings.

The fire started in the heart of the city and soon was beyond control of the native fire brigade. The wooden buildings, of which the town is almost exclusively constructed, burned like tinder. Most of the largest stores in Colon, all of them carrying heavy stocks of merchandise, were directly in the path of the flames. The cause of the fire has not yet been learned and probably never will be known.

A high wind was blowing at the time the fire broke out and late in the afternoon, when it was spreading fast and myriads of sparks were being carried in the direction of Christobal, firemen in the canal zone began dynamiting buildings in the path of the flames in order to form a gap where the conflagration might be stopped. For a time these efforts were fruitless, but later the fire was brought under control.

All the banks in the city were destroyed and part of the railway station was burned. All that part of the city between Seventh street south to past Twentieth street and on Front street east beyond Bolivar street were destroyed.

BRYAN IN SPEECH
DENOUNCES DRINK

European War, He Says, Has Shown
Appetite for Alcohol More Power-
ful Than Patriotism.

New York, May 1.—Secretary Bryan declared in an address under auspices of the National Abolitionists' Union here last night that the European war had developed that even patriotism was no match for the appetite which alcohol cultivates in its victims.

"There has been a growing disposition in this country and throughout the world to emphasize the evils of strong drink," he said, "but even the most enthusiastic advocates of temperance have been surprised at the ghastly light which the war in Europe has thrown upon the subject. It has been found that patriotism, that compelling force which throughout the ages has led men to offer their lives for their country, is no match for the appetite strong drink cultivates in its victims. Loyalty to Bacchus, Gambrinus and Barleycorn is greater than loyalty to king or kaiser or czar."

"The use of drink has been found to be so destructive of efficiency that the belligerent governments, not on moral grounds, but purely on economic grounds have been compelled to resort to restrictive measures. The aeroplane that drops its bomb from above and the submarine which shoots its torpedo from below are less to be feared than the schooner that crosses the bar."

Mr. Bryan declared that drink led to idleness and that American business men were drawing the line more strictly against the use of alcohol by employees.

"Why?" he asked. "Because a clear brain and a steady nerve are required in every important avenue of industry, and alcohol befuddles the brain and paralyzes the nerves."

Mr. Bryan said the amount spent annually for drink in the United States would build 100 macadam highways across the continent, and added:

"The amount now expended in paving the road to perdition would, if spent for good roads, soon lift the mud embargo from the entire country."

"All who labor in the cause of temperance seek to lessen the use of intoxicating liquor—some by persuading people not to drink, some by urging laws which will prevent the manufacture and sale of liquor, while others divide their energies between the two lines of work."

"As for myself, while I have definite views as to the means that should be employed for solving the legislative problem presented by the liquor traffic, I shall confine myself to the first line of argument and appeal to those present and to those whom I may reach through the press to take their position as individuals on the side of total abstinence; for, whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the relative merits of different legislative remedies, no one will deny that the total abstainer, to the extent of his influence, lessens the use of alcohol, and by so doing both reduces the evils of intemperance and lightens the task of the legislator."

Hurley Held for Death.
Lincoln, Ill., May 1.—Daniel Hurley, Jr., today was held without bonds by the coroner's jury charged with having caused the death of Katherine Rolfe.

EXTRA JUDGE
BILL HELD UP
IN ASSEMBLY

Passage Will Be Too Late
for Elections in Circuits
Next Month.

HOPES ARE ABANDONED

Measure on Second Reading
in House, but Cannot Be
Rushed Through.

Springfield, Ill., May 1.—Friends of the Maucker bill, giving each down state judicial district four instead of three circuit court judges, today had given up all hope of obtaining passage of the measure in time to have the 17 additional judges elected at the judicial elections next month. The measure is on second reading in the house.

Practically the only opposition to the administration's deep waterway plan comes from private utilities corporations of the state, according to a statement issued today by Governor Dunne.

What is to happen to the governor's waterway bill probably will be determined at Ottawa tonight.

It is a proposition of adjusting the important local conditions at Ottawa to the general engineering plan for the entire project, dealing chiefly with the development of water power at the proposed Starved Rock dam. If Ottawa is not satisfied with the result of today's conference there may be an uprising led by Representative Lee O'Neill Browne, who is a member of the subcommittee.

Difference Over Dam.
The difference in the height of the Starved Rock dam, as recommended by the engineers and as wanted by the Ottawa authorities is 8½ feet and it is in the endeavor to compose this difference that the conference is being held. If there is an agreement at Ottawa, a bill undoubtedly will be reported in both houses of legislature next week. If there is a serious disagreement, the prospects are not so good for action of any kind.

GIRL LAUGHS AT
COURT SENTENCE

Lilly Brown, 15-Year-Old Moline Lass,
Is Brazen When Tried for
Delinquency.

When Lilly Brown, 15-year-old Moline girl, was ordered sent to Geneva this morning by Judge N. A. Larson on a delinquency petition, and she started from the court room in charge of a deputy, she brazenly laughed at the court.

"Won't you kiss me good-bye?" pleaded the sobbing mother.

"Go away from me; I don't want to have anything to do with you," the daughter exclaimed.

"Lilly, you have a chance now to be a good girl," remarked Judge Larson. "You don't want to go the other way, do you?"

"Sure I do, and you can't stop me," was the pet reply. "I have been before judges before and you can't scare me. I'll make up for the good time I have lost, when I get out again."

It developed at the hearing that Lilly had been at a detention home when the family lived at Los Angeles and that her parents, who are respectable people, could not control her. It is said she gave evidences of having a remarkable knowledge of the seamy side of life for a girl of her age.

COURT INSTRUCTS IN
THE LAWSON TRIAL

Trinidad, Colo., May 1.—John R. Lawson, labor leader, on trial in connection with the killing of Deputy Sheriff Nimmo, may be convicted of murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, voluntary manslaughter, or may be acquitted, according to instructions given the jury by Judge Hillyer today.

FIREFMEN AWAY, TOWN BURNS

Whole Department Goes to Fete and
Unprotected Stores Fall.

Selma, Cal., May 1.—Selma's fire department went on a special train to Fresno yesterday to appear in the rain day parade. While it was away fire swept the business section, causing \$50,000 damage.

Two Guard Cutters Launched.
Newport News, Va., May 1.—The new coast guard cutters Tallapoosa and Ossipee were successfully launched today.

TELLS CANADIAN
FEAT NEAR YPRES

Raw Recruits Recover Much Ground
From Germans, But Pay a Ter-
rible Price in Men Lost.

Ottawa, May 1.—The story of what he described as "a great and glorious feat of arms" in a desperate battle fought by Canadian divisions to check a recent German advance near Ypres is told in a cable communication from Sir Max Aitken, Canadian record officer. The account describes how the Canadians, the majority of them raw recruits, met the German rush after the latter had released asphyxiating gases which drove the French back, and how, although greatly outnumbered, the Canadians succeeded, with heavy losses, in recovering four British guns and much ground by a brilliant dash.

"The advancing troops suffered terrible casualties," continues the report. "For a short time every other man seemed to fall, but the attack was pressed closer and closer. The Fourth Canadian battalion at one moment came under a particularly withering fire. For a moment it wavered. Its most gallant commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Birchall, carrying after an old fashion a hat, came coolly and cheerfully rallying his men, at the very moment when his example had infected them fell dead at the head of the battalion. The astonishing attack which followed, pushed home in the face of a direct frontal fire made in broad daylight by the battalions, whose names should live forever in the memories of soldiers, was carried to the first line of German trenches. After a hand-to-hand struggle the last German who resisted was bayoneted and the trench won." Concluding, Sir Max wrote: "The empire is engaged in a struggle without quarter and without compromise against an enemy still superbly organized, still immensely powerful, still confident its strength is the male of its necessity. To arms then, and still to arms—The graveyard of Canada in Flanders is very large."

DANVILLE VOTED
DRY BY COUNCIL

Seventy-Three Saloons Refused Re-
newal of Licenses, First Time in
History of the City.

Danville, Ill., May 1.—Danville was voted dry by the city council at a special meeting today for the first time in the history of the city. The council met to act on the renewal of the licenses of 73 saloons which expired at midnight. The action means Danville will be dry at least a year until another expression of the people is had when the proposition will be submitted to a vote again. In the recent township election the wets were victorious by 1,500 majority.

POLICE ALARM IS
PARTLY WORKING

While Not Entirely in Commission
New System Is Being Gradually
Gotten in Operation.

While Rock Island's new \$7,000 police alarm system is not completely in commission, the work has progressed to a point so that a fair idea may be gained of how the equipment will operate when the final O. K. has been placed on it by the city officials.

There are now installed about 30 of the boxes, but the device is still a little "stiff."

An expert of the Star Electric company is in this city and as "trouble man" is gradually removing obstacles in the path of the successful operation of the system. Many of the calls received are sent in over the new system but occasionally there is trouble which forces the officers on the beat to seek the use of a telephone elsewhere.

China Refuses Demands.

Peking, May 1.—China definitely has refused some of the most important demands made by Japan.

RAE TANZER BACK
TO FIRST CLAIMS

Again Identifies James W. Osborne as
One Who Promised to Make
Her His Wife.

New York, May 1.—Miss Rae Tanzer, who sued James W. Osborne for \$50,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry and later withdrew her suit, saying Osborne was not the man who courted her under the name of Oliver Osborne, changed her testimony again today, and under oath identified James W. Osborne as her admirer, Oliver Osborne.

BERLIN GIVES
WARNING ON
PERIL OF SEA

Americans Told Travel on
Enemy's Ships Will Be
at Own Risk.

NEW NAVAL CAMPAIGN?

Notice Taken to Mean In-
creased Activity of Ger-
man Submarines.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—In an official notice published by the German embassy in many important cities of the United States this morning Americans are given renewed warning that travel on ships flying flags of Germany's enemies will be at their own risk.

How the state department will regard the notice is a question of doubt. There is much interest as to whether it foreshadows increased activity by German submarines or possibly has to do with movements of the German fleet reported cruising in the North sea. Embassy officials said they had acted on the instructions from Berlin.

By some American officials this move on the part of the embassy is regarded as an attempt to forestall the presentation of a demand for reparation for the death of Thresher and to put the United States upon notice that Germany will refuse to honor such demands in the case of any enemy passenger vessel torpedoed by a submarine.

Germany has sought repeatedly to induce the United States to issue a warning to Americans to keep out of the war zone and to refrain from shipping merchandise and goods passing through the waters in question. This the administration has refused to do. The state department has taken the position that Americans and American shipments are entitled to immunities provided by international law, which the Germans are bound to respect, and that the rights of Americans in the war zone will be upheld by the United States.

May Demand Reparation.

President Wilson and Counselor Lansing of the state department are now studying the British and German versions of the sinking of the Falaba with a view to determining whether there is ground for holding Germany responsible. If there appears to be such ground, a note demanding reparation will be sent to Berlin, probably next week.

According to the British account, the submarine commander failed to provide for the safety of the passengers and crew, as obligated by international law. The German version says ample time was given for the passengers and crew to take to the boats and that a longer time would have been allowed had it not been for the military necessity of the submarine avoiding enemy craft approaching.

New York, May 1.—The largest number of trans-Atlantic travelers to leave New York in a single day this spring was booked for passage on six big liners leaving port today. The Lusitania alone had 900 cabin passengers and many in the steerage. It is estimated three thousand persons had reserved sailings for today.

SUFFRAGETS STAGE
PARADES IN CITIES

New York, May 1.—As part of a general suffrage day celebration throughout the country today more than two hundred meetings under the auspices of the woman suffrage party are planned in this city. The exercises were preceded by an automobile parade led by a girl orchestra.

WOMAN APPOINTED BY WILSON

Mrs. Lucy Jones Harris to Look After
Problem of Immigration.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Woman labor problems as they arise in the immigration service are to be worked out by a woman. President Wilson today by executive order waived the civil service requirements and appointed Mrs. Lucy Jones Harris of Morganfield, Ky., to take up the work in the labor distribution branch of the service in New York.

Pana, Ill.—Sell & Koller of Pana were the successful bidders for the construction of the new septic tank to be built for the city. Their bid was \$29,000. Shields & Co. of Chicago were the architects. Three other firms were bidders.

Barnes-Roosevelt Trial Recess.
Syracuse, N. Y., May 1.—There was no session of the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial today, court recessing yesterday afternoon until Monday morning.